

Remarks/Arguments

Claim Summary

By this Amendment, claim 17 has been amended, and no other claims have been added to or deleted from the application.

Claims 10-12, 14, and 16-31 remain pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indicated allowability of dependent claims 20-25.

Claim Objection

Claim 17 is amended to correct the typographical error identified by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103

Claims 10-12, 14, 16-19 and 26-31 were rejected under §102(e) or §103 as being unpatentable over Joshi et al. (US 2005/0017377), taken alone or in combination with Yeo et al. (US 2004/0217420), for the reasons stated at pages 2-7 of the Office Action.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's reasoning, Applicants intend to overcome the rejections by perfecting their claim of priority to Korean patent application no. 2003-0016450, filed March 17, 2003. A certified copy of the '450 priority application is already of record, and an English-language translation of the same is submitted herewith.

Applicants believe that each of rejected claims 10-12, 14, 16-19 and 26-31 is fully supported by the '450 priority application, and that each of the rejected

claims 10-12, 14, 16-19 and 26-31 is entitled to the March 17, 2003 filing date of the '450 priority application.

The U.S. filing date of Joshi et al. is July 21, 2003, and the U.S. filing date of Yeo et al. is April 30, 2003. Each of these dates is subsequent to the March 17, 2003, filing date of Applicant's '450 priority application.

Applicants therefore contend that neither Joshi et al. nor Yeo et al. qualifies as §102(e) "prior art" against claims 10-12, 14, 16-19 and 26-31 of the present application.

Conclusion

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon claims 10-12, 14, and 16-30 now present in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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